



TONY HORSEMAN
... best goal

Postponed

WYCOMBE Wanderers' friendly against Hungerford Town last night (Thursday) was postponed due to the ban on floodlights. Some tickets for the F.A. Cup tie on November 24 are still available, including those left over from 'C' block. Treasurer Roger Lee will be at the ground on Sunday between 10.30 and 12 o'clock.

Earlier

AS Wycombe Wanderers' Rothmans Isthmian League match at Walthamstow Avenue tomorrow (Saturday) is starting 45 minutes early at 2.15 p.m., Wanderers' Supporters' Club coach will leave Lily's Walk at 12 noon.

SO POOR — THEN WANDERERS STRIKE IT RICH

TWO GOALS in the last ten minutes gave Wycombe Wanderers a flattering victory over St. Albans at Clarence Park on Tuesday night. It also earned them their second £40 against the Saints this season and three Rothmans Isthmian League Division One points.

Wanderers can take little satisfaction from this hollow victory. A 3-0 win sounds impressive and without a doubt, they were the better of two poor sides on the night. However, they struggled for 80 minutes of the match to find the cohesion and flair of recent weeks.

Few could have expected a repetition of the 7-0 football lesson handed out to St. Albans at Loakes Park last week and from the start it was soon obvious the Saints had tightened up considerably since then. But they were greatly helped by Wycombe.

The trouble started in midfield where Larry Pritchard, Tony Brothers and Mick Holifield were sadly out of touch. Brothers, after two excellent displays in the middle recently, had a game to forget while Pritchard was strangely quiet. Service to the front-runners was therefore poor, although the defence looked sound enough.

John Maskell, not expected to play due to a bout of tonsillitis, turned out after all, as did Tony Horseman suffering from a leg injury. One change was made from Saturday's team, with

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Williams moving to full back at the expense of Paul Birdseye, Bullock returning centre half again.

SAINTS LIFTED

St. Albans had obviously been lifted by their performance on Saturday when they narrowly lost 4-3 to Tooting. They ran hard and began to string together some attractive moves. Joyce and Logger combined well in the fourth minute but the latter drove across the face of the goal when well placed.

Wanderers almost went behind in the 14th minute when Murphy put through Cogger with a slide-rule pass which completely dissected the visitors' defence. Cogger's shot curled wide of the diving Maskell but Williams was able to sprint back and turn the ball away for a corner.

Although Keith Searle and

Horseman both went close, Wycombe's build-ups were lacking the vital spark, and many promising raids fell down through poor passing. The through balls, which so completely destroyed the Saints at Loakes Park, just weren't finding the mark and centre backs Smith and Field had no trouble in cutting them out.

Steve Perrin, however who had a quiet game, almost surprised keeper Wilf Woodend in the 30th minute, firing in a difficult drive which the keeper saved at the second attempt.

Then, with only a couple of minutes left before half time, Wanderers went ahead. The Blues at last managed to get the ball through the middle of the home defence, thanks to Steve Perrin who sent Holifield racing through with a glorious pass. Mick ran wide, beat Woodend, and turned in a shot but Dave Hogwood was

there to boot the ball off the line. From the ensuing scramble Wycombe won a corner. Holifield took the kick with his left foot and bent the ball perfectly into the box where Pritchard touched on for Searle to nod home at the far post.

In only the second minute of the new half, Horseman almost made it two from a similar Holifield corner but Woodend managed to push Bodger's header upwards and Twidell booted the danger clear.

Then at the other end, Horseman was dispossessed in his own half and Cogger ran wide. Spotting Maskell off his line, the big forward tried to lob the ball into the net but it went fractionally wide.

Wanderers continued to struggle in the second period. The challenge in midfield was slow and once again, shooting from outside the box was never a real threat. The pattern con-

tinued until the last ten minutes.

In the 80th minute Wanderers produced by far their best move of the match. Brothers slipped the ball to Searle wide out on the flank, and Keith's early pass brought to Horseman left Wycombe's leading goalscorer clear of the defence. As Woodend came out, Tony crashed the ball high into the net.

Two minutes later Holifield raced onto the scene when he sprinted through into the Saints box, powered in a shot on the left foot and brought a fine one-handed save from Woodend.

Then, with four minutes remaining, Perrin secured the £40 sponsorship money with a fine third goal. The home defence were caught square again as Horseman put Perrin through. The big striker wasted no time in hammering the ball over Woodend.

In the closing seconds, Wycombe should have added a fourth when Searle bustled between two defenders and made his way into the area only to be pulled back by his shirt. Referee Patten, however, turned down the obvious penalty. By that time it hardly mattered.

ST. ALBANS: W. Woodend; D. Hogwood, T. Smith, J. Field, S. Twidell; J. Jeffries, S. Joyce, R. Butler, V. Cogger, B. Frey, D. Murphy. Sub. C. White (not used).

WYCOMBE: J. Maskell; R. Williams, P. Wood, D. Bullock, R. Grant, A. Brothers, L. Pritchard, M. Holifield; A. Horseman, K. Searle, S. Perrin. Sub. G. McKenzie (not used).

REFREE: D. Patten (Hants). **Half time:** 0-1. **Goalscorers:** Wycombe - Searle (43), Horseman (80), Perrin (86).

So easy for Allies

THE Berks and Bucks F.A. senior team cruised to a comfortable 3-0 victory in their friendly against London University at Wokingham Town on Tuesday evening. Originally, six Wycombe Wanderers were selected for the side but all had to pull out due to the St. Albans league fixture on the same night.

The Allied Counties went ahead in the 25th minute when Ken

Beaven of Chesham United slotted in a pass from team-mate Stuart Atkins. It was not until the 59th minute that they increased their lead when another Chesham player Roger Grimmond scored from close range.

The third and final goal came within ten minutes remaining when Wokingham striker John Griffiths, who had come on for Atkins,

netted from a Beaven cross.

Former Wycombe goalkeeper Peter Spittle was given little to do by the Students' forward line, but pulled off one fine save in the second half.

The Berks and Bucks Juniors crashed 4-2 to Essex on Saturday at Chesham. Dave Wright, Wycombe's reserve goalkeeper, was in the Allies team.